

Living Faith: An Overview

Overview

Living Faith sits within the Generosity Week resource, produced by the Church of England's National Giving Team, aiming to give the time and space to reflect on God's Generosity and celebrate God's generosity within our church's ministry and mission. The two sessions of Living Faith aim to help communities gain a deeper understanding of God's generosity towards us, celebrating the gifts that we have received, and how we can live more generously in our daily lives.

Sessions

Living Faith is a collection of two sessions. One session explores the material and spiritual legacy we have received the things that we value, and what our role might be in passing on that legacy to future generations. The other focuses on our place within a community, our calling to mutually give and receive, and how our generosity together enables the life and work of our churches.

These sessions can be led individually, or one after another in a series. It is worth encouraging members of your church community to engage when hosting a session of Living Faith, but the content is also suitable and accessible for those who might be in your wider community who you might like to connect with.

Each session includes a short introduction and opening prayers, followed by some initial conversational questions. We move to a bible verse and a reflection, further questions for discussion, and closing prayers to finish. We suggest that your discussions are in reasonable sized groups – if you have more than ten people attending a session, you might want to halve the group for the times of discussion.

As part of offering hospitality, you might also want to provide tea and cake – while this isn't a necessity, these do tend to invite people in and feel relaxed, and sits well alongside the theme of generosity.

Guides and Leaders' Notes

Each Living Faith session comes with a participant booklet and a set of leaders' notes. The leaders' notes includes timings of each section, as well as guidance on how you might facilitate times of discussion.

Further Resources

Living Faith is part of a wider resource collection, The Generosity Week. which includes worship and discipleship materials, podcasts and generosity challenges. To access the full resource, please visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/generosity-week>

